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1. At a recent meeting of the directors of the Partido Comunista Brasileiro (Communist Party of Brazil; PCB), it was decided that steps would be taken to see that the old Party headquarters at Rua da Gloria 52, at present in the possession of the police, be made available for occupancy by the Editorial Staff of the Tribuna Popular. This move is justified by the fact that the monthly rent of 18 contos (about \$900 US) is being paid for the offices although the rooms are not being used. At the present time the Tribuna Popular is paying 11 contos (about \$550 US) rent each month for the 13th floor of the building at Avenida Aparicio Borges 207. Consequently, it would be cheaper for its staff to use the old Party headquarters. The proposed move would have the advantage of bringing together all of the employees of the newspaper, giving them full control of the building as well.
2. There has been considerable discussion to the effect that the Tribuna Popular will incorporate certain independent enterprises, such as the Editorial Vitoria, Distribuidora Anteu Ltda. (distributing agency for material published by PCB publishing houses), and possibly A Classe Operaria. Such an incorporation would strengthen the Tribuna Popular and would, according to the Communists, render it more capable of resisting the capitalist encroachments. This move would result in the consolidation of all Communist publishing houses. In the event that this move is accomplished, the Tribuna Popular will then become a general clearing house for the Communists and for the directors of the Party. As the various branches of the Party are located in many places in the city, it is difficult for State Directors to find the real headquarters of the Party Directors. Pedro Pomar, the only Party Director who is easily reached because he is known to be with the Tribuna Popular, is not always able to decide upon the problems presented him by the visiting directors. Consequently, the Party leaders desire to make the newspaper offices their headquarters. Furthermore, they feel that any one who might wish to consult them there would not easily be distinguished from the employees who are ordinarily seen entering the editorial offices.
3. The Communists do not wish to relinquish the office space at Avenida Aparicio Borges 207 nor the space being used by the various firms which are to be incorporated into the Tribuna Popular. They wish to retain these in the event that the Partido Popular Progressista obtains legal status, in which case the offices could be used for campaign headquarters.

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